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SUBJECT: KHIEU SAMPHAN'S TRAVELS

REFS: A. BUCHAREST 1827

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1. AS DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT IN REF B, WE BELIEVE THAT
PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF PRESENT KHIEU SAMPHAN TRIP IS
ENHANCEMENT OF HIS INTERNATIONAL STATURE. WE CONTINUE TO
BELIEVE THAT THE CHANCES OF FRUITFUL NEGOTIATION ON THE
CAMBODIAN SITUATION CANNOT OCCUR UNTIL THE COMMUNIST SIDE
REALIZES THAT IT CANNOT DEFEAT THE GKR BY FORCE OF ARMS
AND RECOGNIZES THE EXISTENCE OF A MILITARY STALEMATE.
ALTHOUGH THE LATTER APPEARED ON THE WAY DURING THE FIRST TWO
MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, SITUATION HAS DETERIORATED DURING
PAST TWO MONTHS WITH KHMER COMMUNISTS REGAINING INITIATIVE
AND THEREBY LESSENING CHANCES THAT THEY WILL BE PERSUADED
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TO NEGOTIATE SOON.

2. WHAT SIHANOUK HAS ATTEMPTED IN THE PAST IS TO ENGAGE THE USG IN DIRECT TALKS OR NEGOTIATIONS. THIS IN EFFECT, WOULD HAVE CONFIRMED HIM AS THE SOLE INTERLOCATEUR OF THE KHMER. FOR SIMILAR REASONS AN APPROACH BY KHIEU SAMPHAN WOULD BE EQUALLY UNACCEPTABLE.

3. THEREFORE, IF EMBASSY BUCHAREST SHOULD BE CONTACTED

DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY BY THE GRUNK GROUP, YOU SHOULD LIMIT YOUR RESPONSE TO AN INDICATION OF WILLINGNESS TO TRANSMIT MESSAGES TO PHNOM PENH AND WASHINGTON WITHOUT COMMENT OR COMMITMENT. WE BELIEVE FURTHERMORE IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR ANY US OFFICIAL TO MEET DIRECTLY WITH KHIEU SAMPHAN OR ANY MEMBER HIS DELEGATION.

4. FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND IN THE EVENT QUESTION SHOULD ARISE IN CONVERSATIONS OR IN ANY CONTACTS, THE GKR HAS ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS EXPRESSED READINESS FOR AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE; A WILLINGNESS TO MEET ANYWHERE, AT ANY TIME AND WITH ANYONE FROM THE KHMER INSURGENT SIDE; AND HAS INDICATED A WILLINGNESS FOR POLITICAL COMPROMISE IN AN EVENTUAL SOLUTION. THESE OFFERS HAVE BEEN CONSISTENTLY REBUFFED BY SIHANOUK AND THE COMMUNISTS. RUSH

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